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The ability to speak several languages is valuable but ability to keep your mouth shut in one language is priceless.
—Security of War Information.

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STATE DISASTER PLAN ENTRENCHED; MANEUVER SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29

Over 600 coordinators appointed throughout state—State Panel to take part in U. S. Army exercise.

The Pennsylvania Disaster Plan is now completely organized. Over 600 Coordinators have been named—every county, all cities, many of the boroughs as well as townships of both classes, being represented. County and municipal authorities all over Pennsylvania have taken hold of the project with vigor, evidently recognizing the importance of having matters coordinated so that in the event of a big fire, flood, explosion, extensive wreck or other menace to a community's people, they can have the advantage of well thought out plans and be able to secure help from near-by areas should their own resources be exhausted.

The State Control Center will be the nerve center for the whole State and a series of tests conducted the last month should a warning or a call for aid of an emergency nature can be fanned out from the State Control Center in six minutes, reaching every County Seat. All County Seats are connected with the Control Center by exclusive, direct telephone lines.

Governor Martin has approved the recommendation of Colonel Lynn G. Adams, State Coordinator, which was supported by Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, Executive Director of the State Council of Defense, to appoint Joseph B. Hutchison as First Deputy Coordinator. Mr. Hutchison, who has been serving as Chief Air Raid Warden of the State Council and as Regional Representative in ten counties in the south-central area, will have his headquarters in the State Council Offices and be on duty in the State Control Center as occasion requires.

By direction of Colonel Adams, Mr. Hutchison organized a thunderstorm observation service as requested by the United States Weather Bureau for the Susquehanna Valley; the idea being for local volunteers to note thunderstorms and telephone data as to their intensity, direction and other characteristics to the Middletown Air Depot of the United States Army. Ultimately this service will be extended to

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Defense Group Paid Tribute by Oil City Paper

"The civilian defense organization here that came into being a few years back when there was a possibility of air attacks on the eastern seaboard by enemy planes is continuing to prove its worth to the community during emergency periods although little is said or written of the work being carried on by its members," states an article that appeared recently in the *Oil City Derrick*.

"The various organizations of the OCD swung into action several years ago when a cyclone swept through the city, and its members were on hand to work when an explosion and fire swept the high octane plant last summer. The latest piece of work by the local OCD was carried out recently when the city was threatened with flood waters of the Allegheny.

"When it appeared that flood water might sweep over portions of the North Side business and residential area, A. S. Watson, county commander, called out 25 key air raid wardens and auxiliary police and they remained on duty until the river level started to drop.

"The county commander points out that the men with whom he has worked on such emergencies do not desire recognition or praise for the public services they have rendered but needless to say, Mr. Watson is very well pleased with the efforts of this group which to date has turned in a fine record."

A CD Supervisor Reflects:

Kid Messengers of Yesterday Delivering Death to Enemies

The following letter received by the Editor of DEFENSE NEWS tells its own story and needs no introduction:

Dear Sir:

Somehow I cannot help writing this letter to you and the STATE COUNCIL NEWS because I do not think for one minute that I would be out of order if I were to take a moment and reflect with pride some of the things I have been privileged to do and remember some of those whom it has been a pleasure to have been associated with as an active member of CD.

I think that first of all I should like to pay tribute to those who yesterday were just kids, Messengers in CD, for it was with these kids that I as Zone Messenger really enjoyed myself.

That was only yesterday it would seem. And now, today, I see and hear from those kids as they are serving in a greater capacity as members of our armed forces.

Nearly all of them are far

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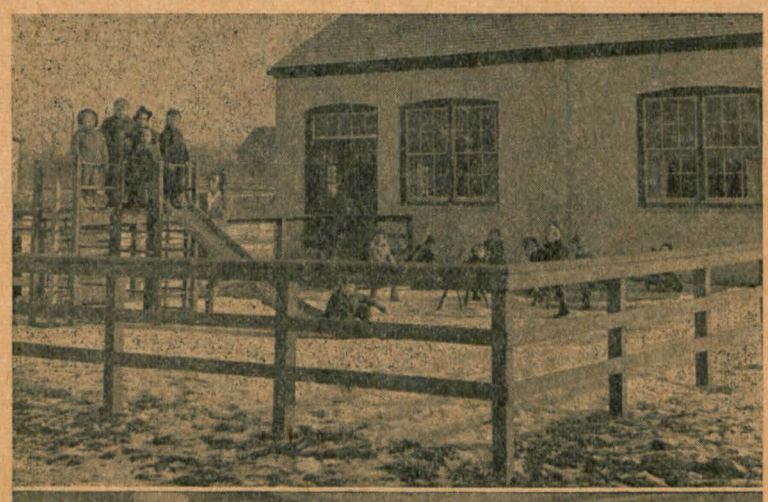
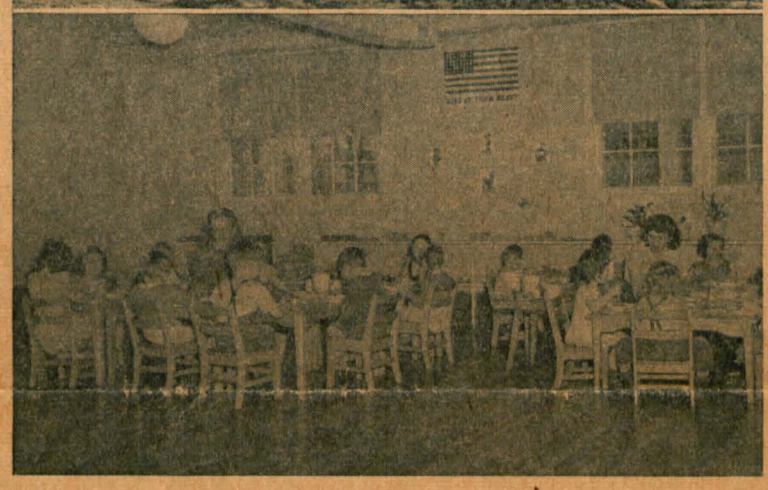
Child Care Centers





Children at play outside the Pottstown Child Care Center are shown in the top picture. The bottom photograph was snapped during lunch time in the Hatboro Center.

Both Centers are located in Federal Housing projects and operated by School Boards.

Enrollment in Child Care Centers Hit Peak of 2357 and Still Growing

On March 31st the enrollment in Pennsylvania's Child Care Centers was 2357, the peak period in two years of operation. This indicates a continued and growing need for the Centers and in turn a need for womanpower in industry.

While Congress has not yet appropriated funds for the year from July 1945 to June 1946, budgets are being prepared for each project's continuation. At the present time there is no let-up in the war need, which is the prime justification for the program.

Children are eligible in the Centers only if their mothers are working. Over 6,000 different children have attended the Centers for some period of time. The length of the child's stay is determined by the period of the mother's employment.

One new Center opened during March at Fairgrounds Housing Project in Delaware County. 26 children registered the first day.

The steady growth of the program has been valuable to communities and to parents, both of which have learned the benefits of a good day's care for children. The Centers are as nearly a substitute for a home as it is possible to make them. Additional advantages are the play equipment which very few homes have and the association with other children. The hot lunch at noon with milk and fruit juice during the day, is carefully planned to provide two-thirds of the child's nutritional needs for the day. Breakfast is also served where the children come quite early in the morning.

The nutritional, educational and social growth of the children has been attested to by professional people in those fields. It is not possible to measure in turn the contribution to the war effort made by the mothers in industry and by the teachers and administrators of the local programs.

Schools Make Balers

To augment waste paper salvage work in Hazleton, vocational school students and their teachers turned out six paper balers recently, under the direction of Fred E. Haegele, supervisor of vocational education.

The balers have been placed in school buildings.

Form Disaster Group

In anticipation of any emergency, the Mill Hall Disaster Committee has been organized with T. C. Snyder as coordinator and J. Elmer Eyer and Dewey F. Danis as deputies.

War Workers Being Schooled In Nutrition

Civilians as well as industrial workers benefitting from four-fold nutrition program under way

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a four-fold wartime nutrition program sponsored by the War Services of the Pennsylvania State Council of Defense. In this, the Department of Health of the Commonwealth, and the Ellen H. Richards Institute, The Pennsylvania State College are cooperating.

The program consists of fact-finding and of education, among industrial workers in particular and other civilians in general.

War workers in certain representative plants, including those engaged in shipbuilding and other types of war manufacturing activity—women as well as men—are studied as to their dietary habits, and are tested as to their state of nutritional well-being. The full families of some of these war workers are tested in order to find the effects of the war upon the nutritional status of those exposed to extreme wartime conditions.

Through visits with the families of the war workers tested, and with the war workers themselves, the results of their own nutrition tests are explained, and recommendations of changes in the dietary habits are made as a means of improving nutritional status. Some war workers and their families are retested in order to find whether the expected nutritional improvements take place.

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State Has 408 Rescue Squads

There are now 408 Pennsylvania heavy duty rescue squads that Civilian Defense can make available in case of disaster, Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, SCD Executive Director announces.

These squads are trained and equipped to take out victims of such disasters as fires, explosions and caveins where fire department equipment would be inadequate.

Represented are 39 fire departments with fully equipped heavy duty rescue squads, 64 Civilian Defense squads with heavy equipment and 305 mine squads equipped for instant movement anywhere in the United States. Charles E. Clark, in charge of CD rescue squads, has worked out a plan of cooperation with the State Department of Mines.

On Salvage Committee

C. W. Potter, supervising principal of schools, has been appointed to the Jersey Shore salvage committee, Chairman H. F. Wellington announces. Mr. Potter will enlist the aid of the principals of the borough schools in organizing paper commandos among their pupils to help collect waste paper for the war effort.

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CD Urged Not To "Lose Interest"

One of the biggest jobs confronting members of Civilian Defense organizations is "not to lose interest," Mayor F. H. LaGuardia said at the opening of a new CDVO Information Center in New York City.

"The war isn't over by any means," he said. "There is still fight in our enemy. And that is why we must not take anything for granted, why we must carry on."

After the war, the Mayor said, Civilian Defense organizations will be confronted with the problems of home-coming service men and women, many of whom, he said, will have to wait overseas for perhaps a year before sufficient transportation is secured.

"I have no official figures," LaGuardia said, "but maybe 150,000 a month will be coming back, if everything goes as well as expected. I know there will be enthusiasm when they start coming back, but I want to beg of you to keep that enthusiasm up. It may be pretty tough for the boys who have to wait a year to come back to find indifference when they do get here."

Suggests Gen. Grant's Slogan for Councils

Harry C. Smith, executive chairman, recently appealed to all Civilian Defense officials of Blair County for preparedness throughout the new year, pointing out that the disaster plan is in most urgent need of development by all councils.

Council and disaster heads were urged to adopt not only the Boy Scout slogan, "Be Prepared," but General Grant's "Drill and Organize," and to work as a single unit.

Collect Waste Fat

Kittanning Girl Scouts in their recent two-week campaign for the collection of waste kitchen fats collected 687 pounds of fats.

Each Scout was pledged to contact at least three housewives within her neighborhood.

Part of the money received for the salvaged fats is being used by the scouts to purchase soap and greeting cards for veterans in Deshon General Hospital, Butler, and a part will be given to the American Red Cross.

Named Chairman

William Vernon has been chosen chairman of the recently formed Bradford disaster committee, replacing Capt. Myron Matson, now with the U. S. Army.

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other parts of the State. It is purely on a volunteer basis and experience in other states has shown it valuable in furnishing emergency information to Air Depots and Army establishments where airplanes are in constant use.

The State Disaster Panel will participate in the United States Army maneuver to be held in the Lower Susquehanna Valley on Sunday, April 29. The State Control Center will be activated as usual and its full force and the whole Disaster Panel will be on duty as long as required. The Control Centers in Harrisburg, York, Lancaster and Lebanon will also be activated and participate in local exercises. It is possible there may be an exercise put on by the State Control Center covering the four or five counties in the area mentioned.

This Army exercise is similar to that held some months ago in Philadelphia; one will be held later in Pittsburgh. The Army will be in charge and have the cooperation of the State Guard, the State Police and such elements of the State Council of Defense Protective Services and the Disaster Panels as required.

Chief Fire Warden Charles E. Clark has received instructions that any fire apparatus and similar Federally loaned property lent to communities other than those originally designated and which receipted for the property should see that fire engines and the like are returned as the War Department may want to send some of them to occupied territory.

Chief Clerk is in daily expection of receiving shipping orders for considerable Federal property held in Harrisburg and elsewhere. There are hopes some of the beds and similar equipment may be obtained for the State Guard, State hospitals and other institutions. Effort was made to send some of the fire engines to the State hospitals to supplement their fire protection, but up-to-date it has not received Federal approval.

Numerous inquiries have come to the Offices of the State Council of Defense for material about the setup of the Disaster Plan and Governor Edward Martin's directive of September 15, 1944. Some of these have come from distant states and have been followed up by letters making detailed inquiry as to features of plans.

County Disaster Coordinators on the Ohio and Susquehanna watersheds rendered conspicuous service during the high water of this spring, demonstrating the effectiveness of the setup. Warnings were given in ample time on prospective high water, based upon experience of 1936 and other floods; boats were provided for evacuating people and rescue and sustenance organized. A demonstration of rescue work conducted in the Long Level region of York County on the Lower Susquehanna was one of the finest examples of how to handle such matters in a well-coordinated, smooth-running and effective manner. Civilian Defense and Red Cross pulled together in fine spirit.

Speaks at Meeting

Clarence W. Bennett, SCD Region Four Representative, addressed members of the board of directors of the Scranton Civilian Defense Volunteer Office at a luncheon-meeting. He asked the organization to carry on and to hold itself in readiness for action in case of emergency or need. Mrs. M. R. Ammerman, chairman, presided.

WAR WORKERS

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Data from the war workers who are tested and other civilian studies are disseminated widely to other war workers in Pennsylvania, through cooperation with war plants, through state and local nutrition leaders, and through the press.

For the past ten years Pennsylvania through its Department of Health and The Pennsylvania State College has carried on studies concerned with the relationship of dietary habits to the state of physical well-being of families and growing school children in city, town, and rural regions, at all income levels, from families of which the adults were engaged in many types of occupations.

These studies have been living demonstrations of the types of foods needed for optimum nutritional status.

The studies are continued in order to have a constant fund of information as to the results of war diets on the state of nutrition of this important segment of the population.

Recently, county nutritional chairmen have been appointed to work with the War Services for the purpose of coordinating the wartime nutrition activities in the 67 counties of the State with the State Program of War Services. Many agencies work in this important field throughout the State; it is the purpose of the State Council of Defense to lend its assistance as a clearing house for nutrition activities in order to avoid duplication of effort and to insure all phases of the food program being carried out at the local and county level.

KID MESSENGERS

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away from home, I know definitely that some are out in the far Pacific, several in the Marines, many are in the ground forces on the islands of the Pacific, while others are in far away France, Italy, Germany etc. I have several with Patton, Hodges, Nimitz and McArthur. One kid just returned after 66 missions over enemy territory wearing Oak Leaf Clusters, combat stars, Purple Heart a Presidential citation, etc., etc.

Yes, even though I may be wrong, still I cannot help but have a grand feeling of pride for having been associated with such a grand bunch of Kids, who today are giving all they have so that in the future kids like them will be free to live without fear and to all of them I say; "God speed the day when they shall return to a grateful nation and may God watch over them and crown their efforts with a Glorious Victory and may a grateful people not only welcome them as Victors but find a place for them in the affairs of men."

Sincerely yours,
NORMAN FOX
CD Zone Supervisor
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Quiet, Thankful" V-E Day Observance Urged

Harrisburg residents were urged recently by Mayor Milliken to celebrate "V-E" day with a "quiet, thoughtful and thankful observance" instead of making it the occasion for hilarity, in consideration of the Pacific war that still confronts the Nation.

The Mayor, replying to a School Board suggestion, which was recommended by Supt. Clarence Zorger, repeated the gist of the Defense Council program, which provides that the first two hours after victory is flashed shall be given to worship and prayer, after which a parade will be held.

Review New CD Bulletins

Since the last issue of DEFENSE NEWS five bulletins have been put out by the State Council of Defense as follows:

Bulletin 9-E urging extreme care in handling souvenirs from the war zones. This bulletin was based upon some reports of explosions of war material and Chairmen of Councils of Defense were asked to tell their people to be extremely careful in handling souvenirs which might be loaded.

At the same time a memorandum was sent out to County War Services Chairmen, members of the Speakers' Bureau and County Consumer Chairmen, signed by Mrs. Worthington Scranton, Commander of War Services; Mrs. Jean B. Doverspike, Director of the Speakers' Bureau and Mrs. Conway Zirkel, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests. This bulletin dealt particularly with the Anti-Inflation Campaign in which War Services had the cooperation of trade organizations, civic clubs and many other groups.

Bulletin 10-E was sent to all Councils of Defense urging participation in the special tin can collection on Army Day, April 6. It is believed this collection will show notable figures.

Bulletin 11-E was sent to all Chairmen and Commanders in Councils of Defense requesting they invite attention of Air Raid and Emergency Wardens, Auxiliary Policemen, Auxiliary Firemen, members of the Rescue Squads and others in Protective Services to consider advantages of enlistment in the new State Guard. This will furnish chances for more extended public service and also for valuable military training. Accompanying this bulletin was a list of the units in the new State Guard, where they are located and the names and addresses of their commanders as well as of their headquarters and armories.

Bulletin 12-E was sent to Chairmen of all Councils of Defense by Doctor Hutchison asking that they tell CD enrollees desiring to participate in the Seventh War Loan Campaign to enter the War Loan Committees in their home communities instead of setting up any special Loan Committees under auspices of Civilian Defense. This bulletin was prompted by success in following such a plan in other drives.

Bulletin 13-E was addressed to Chairmen of all Councils of Defense cautioning against premature celebrations of Victory Day and of haphazard announcements. It is set forth there should be no sounding of Air Raid sirens unless the President of the United States or the Secretary of War officially announces the termination of hostilities in Germany or Japan or both, and then the sirens were to use a distinctive signal, one that has not been used theretofore. A special request was made that those responsible for operation of sirens and giving of signals should see that the people in their areas are well informed in advance as to the significance of such signals.

Red Cross Has Cartons For Sending Gift Parcels

The Office of Censorship states that its New York station receives daily from 100 to 150 gift parcels for prisoners of war and civilian internees, in badly damaged condition. The widest possible distribution of free cartons for these packages through local Red Cross chapters is urged.

WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING

Georgia—The State Legislature recently passed an Act establishing the Citizens Council to coordinate all volunteer civilian war and post-war programs with an appropriation of $60,000 per annum.

Ohio—Various Defense Corps units assisted in rescue work and other important duties in connection with the recent flood in the Ohio Valley. CDC volunteers manned more than one hundred CD pumpers in various communities to pump the water out of cellars after the flood had receded.

California—In Los Angeles 2,000 uniformed Auxiliary Police have been assisting regular police to control traffic, make investigations and arrests, help them in the recovery of stolen cars and other police work. One example of their effectiveness in relieving the depleted regular police force in their assignment to the Hollywood Bowl where the Auxiliaries relieved 25 regular police for more important work.

Massachusetts — The Watertown City Manager has appealed to the Auxiliary Firemen in that community to continue intact after the war ends. He has requested fire chiefs to make these Auxiliary Firemen active supplements to the regular fire department.

Harrisburg CD Auxiliary Police Unit Commended

Important work to reduce juvenile delinquency is being done in Harrisburg by the Auxiliary Police in cooperation with the city police department, under Chief Oscar L. Blough. Herbert J. Reese is supervisor of the CD bureau of auxiliary police.

Every evening two auxiliary policewomen visit all the motion picture theatres and other places of amusement, checking on boys and girls, who are supposed to be off the streets by 10:30. These women work from nine o'clock until midnight and every night are required to submit a report giving details of their activities. They receive seventy-five cents an hour, or $2.25 a night. On the first day of this work 20 juveniles were found at one movie; in one case there were five children from the same family. The names of such children are turned in, also the names of their parents. In cases of second offenses, the parents are called to the city hall and reprimanded.

The manager of a large Harrisburg store gave credit to the auxiliary police for restricting shoplifting last Christmas. For the last two years, the Borough of West Fairview has obtained the services of auxiliary policemen at Hallowe'en to prevent the destruction of property. The burgess of West Fairview highly commended these men. They were paid by the borough of West Fairview. Auxiliary police are employed at football games and paid from the athletic funds of the various schools.

The City of Harrisburg has about $1,500 in its budget for auxiliary police. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Earl E. Aurand Post No. 1086, (sponsor of the organization), already has invested $12,000 in uniforms and equipment.

Drills are held in Harrisburg every Tuesday night with about 75 percent attendance. Authorities declare that in an emergency they could muster 50 percent of the force in 10 minutes.

March Waste Paper Salvage Breaks Record

Waste paper collection records were broken during the month of March when the State's new high quota of 66,000 tons was exceeded, according to reports that have been received from the chairmen of Salvage Committees of County Councils of Defense.

"Complete reports have not been received from all counties," said Warren R. Roberts, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Salvage, "but we do have sufficient to known that Pennsylvania did a better waste paper collection job in the war salvage program than in any previous month since the beginning of the war.

"The greatest previous collection was made in last November when the people of this State turned into the Salvage Committees 64,139 tons of waste paper. Pennsylvania exceeded its 60,000-ton quota in December, but dropped slightly below in January and February.

"Then, with an increasing demand for waste paper to keep Pennsylvania paperboard mills in operation on war orders, the State's quota was increased to 66,000 tons for March. I am happy to say that from the reports that have been received, we are sure that quota has been exceeded.

"It is necessary that we shall maintain the present pace in waste paper collections for the next several months in order to meet the increased demands of the Army and Navy for containers for shells, ammunition, food and medicines, as well as for the shipment of other war equipment to both Europe and the Pacific war zones.

"This means that we have a quota of 13½ pounds of waste paper to collect each month for every man, woman and child in the State."

Colley S. Baker, executive secretary of the State Salvage Committee, attributed Pennsylvania's increased collections to splendid work of the Salvage Committees aided by the cooperation of the Society of the 28th Division and the Boy Scouts.

"The Boy Scouts will continue waste paper collections through the month of April," he said, "and the conservation of paper and salvage collections will be further enhanced by Pennsylvania's Paper Holiday throughout April and May.

Council to Provide Floral Tributes For War Heroes

A highly commendable project will be carried out in Clearfield County by the Civilian Defense Council of Area No. 5, comprising Coalport, Irvona, Beccaria and Jordan Townships, and Glen Hope borough. W. P. Trostle is chairman of the county DC.

The Council has plans completed to provide flowers for members of the armed service who die or are killed in service, when funeral services are conducted at homes in that area. The flower service will also provide floral decorations for the honor rolls in that section at yearly intervals.

This particular council has many splendid accomplishments to its credit since it was organized in early Spring of 1942.

On Salvage Committee

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchinson has appointed John H. Biddle, President and Editor of the Huntingdon Daily News, a member of the Advisory Committee on Salvage of the State Council of Defense.

VICTORY GARDEN NOTES

Allegheny County — Mayor Cornelius D. Scully designated the week of April 1-8 as Victory Garden Week and urged every citizen to cooperate with the Nation's food problem by securing ground and planting a garden. The proclamation was read by Judge Joseph A. Richardson, War Service Chairman for Allegheny County, at a luncheon meeting of the Victory Garden Committee of the Allegheny County Council of Defense. Mrs. Harry M. Aronson urged that public interest be restimulated and that every citizen with a backyard should either work the land himself or share it with a neighbor. Mrs. Aronson said: "There is not only a shortage of transportation for farm produce but a shortage of farm labor as well."

Beaver County—Mr. Christopher Kiefer, Chairman of the Beaver County Victory Garden Committee, reports the following sub-committees for 1945:

Mr. Theo. Wallace — Community Gardens
Mr. Andrew Lester — School Gardens
Mr. Wm. H. Swaney — Company Employee Gardens
Mrs. M. F. Pettler — Nutrition and Canning
Mrs. Clair E. George — Rural Gardens
Mr. Thomas Hambleton — Federal Housing Gardens

Mr. Kiefer says—"We expect to carry the gardening program over into the post-war period. We are introducing garden education into our schools."

Mifflin County—Mrs. Leonce Shields has been renamed Chairman of the County Victory Garden Committee and has the following committee serving with her—Miss Sara Mattern, Mrs. George A. Scott, Robert Smith, Walter Lindsay, Mrs. John M. Clinger, Mrs. Warren Schaeffer, Wm. Shontz, Russell L. Ruble, Richard Miller, Samuel C. Mitchell, J. C. Thompson, Miss Margaret Campbell, J. Leroy Leach, Claude Oliver, T. C. Matthews, Nevin F. Gutshall, all of Lewistown; Mrs. James Hafer, Miss Ann Reed, Mrs. Park Middlesworth of Reedville; Mrs. Ray Dulaney and Frank Campbell of Belleville; Mrs. Robert McCurry and Lee Leeper of Burnham; Mrs. Ira Ball, Yeagertown; Rev. W. P. Minton, Mrs. Chas. Naginey and Mrs. Eleanor C. Houser of Milroy; Mrs. Wm. Satzler, Granville; Mrs. Lawrence Stuck.

A meeting was held early in April when plans for the coming season were presented and local committees were urged to surpass if possible, the records for previous years. Mrs. Thos. O. Williamson has been renamed Food Conservation Chairman for the County.

Philadelphia County — Mayor Bernard Samuel, Chairman of the Philadelphia Metropolitan District Defense Council has appealed to the residents of Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester and Bucks Counties to promote an intensive campaign for more and larger Victory Gardens. "Only through the patriotic efforts of Victory Gardeners will there be enough food available this year to maintain a high level of nutrition," said Mayor Samuel. "I urge most earnestly that the growing and preserving of food through Victory Gardens continue at top speed until the war is won." "The food outlook for 1945 is less favorable than last year and with additional requirements for military supply, the need for increased production has never been so great. I urge in all sincerity, all Civilian Defense workers in the five counties composing the Philadelphia Metropolitan District to put forth their most earnest efforts to promote and maintain a Victory Garden program which will mark 1945 as a banner year in food production." Free soil tests are being given in the Philadelphia area by Eli H. Bloom Agricultural Chemist of the Philadelphia Council of Defense Victory Garden Committee.

Sullivan County — An excellent exampel of a round-the-year service to a community by a food conservation kitchen comes from Sullivan County Victory Garden Chairman, Donald Green, who reports the canning in March at Dushore of 2180 pounds of meat under the supervision of Mrs. Loghery using Victory Garden Food Conservation retorts for efficient results. Mr. Green has already held two very successful meetings on Victory Gardens and Food Conservation this spring.

Warren County — Mr. Allen M. Gibson, Chairman of the Warren County Council of Defense has appointed Mr. Paul W. Yaggee, Savings Bank Building, Warren as Chairman of the Victory Garden Committee to succeed Mr. E. W. Johnson who resigned recently. Mr. Yaggee is well qualified, having been an interested member of the County Victory Garden Committee and he will be well able to continue the successful work of the former Chairman, Mr. Johnson.

Lehigh County—General Beary reports that Mr. Clorence Mensinger heads the City Victory Garden Committee. Mr. Mensinger has designated Mr. Sidney Hoffman to supervise the city gardens. Plots have been acquired and are now being plowed. Plants are being raised in the city Hot Houses for distribution. Mr. Mensinger is making available trucks from the Department of Forest and Waters, Labor, plants and seeds. Allentown is not a novice in the gardening program. In 1931 during the depression, community gardens were developed and have been carried on each year. Because of the need a larger area than last year's will be under cultivation. Mr. Chas. Seidel heads the County Victory Garden Committee.

Availability of Margarine Checked In CD Survey

To assist the Committee on Dairy Industries, State House of Representatives, a partial county survey was made by the Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests of consumer reactions to availability of margarine in normal times. By combining results of a similar survey made in March, 1944, 40 counties expressed an opinion. In general, the feeling is that small towns and rural areas cannot obtain margarine without considerable travel.

To Honor Identification Cards of Organizations

In the operation of the State Disaster System, Colonel Lynn G. Adams, State Coordinator, announces that police and coordinators will honor identification cards issued by the following organizations: Agencies of the Federal government, departments of state, county or local government, Red Cross, Civilian Defense, the press.

Merge Salvage Activity With Baker As Head

The War Production Board has announced that all of its salvage activities for the entire State have been merged under the direction of Colley S. Baker, who also is executive secretary of the State Council of Defense's Advisory Committee on Salvage. In addition, the Conservation Division of the War Production Board, has been merged with the Salvage Division.

For the first time since the beginning of the war, all salvage and conservation programs of the War Production Board and the State Council of Defense for the entire State are now under Mr. Baker's direction. This includes the industrial salvage program, control of scrap yards and automobile graveyards, special projects and conservation activities, as well as the general salvage program.

The entire work is being carried on at the Salvage headquarters of the State Council of Defense in the State Museum Building, Harrisburg, with branch offices with the Philadelphia Council of Defense in Philadelphia and with the WPB district office in Scranton.

Assigned to work under Baker's direction are a staff of field representatives that includes Roy E. Brownmiller, Sherwood W. Vance, Paul Didier, Jr., Mrs. Marguerite V. Osman, Thomas W. McDonough, Joseph A. Boardman and W. Edgar Duncklee.

Note Decrease In CD Ranks

Figures on enrollment in Civilian Defense as of March 31 show effect of the canvass conducted by County Defense Chairman at request of the State Council to ascertain how many wardens could be classed as really available for any emergency call.

The summary of their reports by Joseph B. Hutchison showed the following at the end of March:

Citizens' Defense Corps	
Staff	23,285
Air Raid Wardens	156,037
Auxiliary Firemen	61,366
Auxiliary Police	47,878
Evacuation	24,627
Emergency Medical	46,420
Rescue	7,314
Other Services	153,241
TOTAL	520,168
Civilian War Services	
Consumer Interests	8,246
Salvage	393,774
Victory Garden	132,904
Victory Speakers	1,912
Nutrition	3,819
Block Leaders	33,987
Morale Building	22,800
Other Services	230,306
TOTAL	827,748
GRAND TOTAL	1,347,916

Total in Defense Corps Decreased, 43,247.
Total in Civilian War Services Decreased, 21,779.

5901 Placements Made to Date by Reading CDVO

Up to December 31, the Reading Volunteer Office has made a total of 5901 placements since its inception, according to Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg, CDVO chief.

The Reading office continues to function in an active and satisfactory manner, furnishing volunteers to various organized groups in the community.

CDVO BRIEFS

The Civilian Defense Volunteer Office of Erie, Pa. has undertaken for the Erie County Historical Society the compiling of the military records of all Erie County service men and women. An alphabetical file is being set up and all the details of each individual's record will be entered on his or her card. In addition, all newspaper items concerning each person are being clipped from the Historical Society's file of daily newspapers, complete from December 1941. These newspaper items, with other source material, will be filed with the file card. Lists of servicemen and women will be secured from many sources — Draft Boards, churches, clubs, business houses, etc.—for checking with the file so that the records may be absolutely correct. It is expected that the completed file will include more than 20,000 Erie County men and women. A staff of 46 volunteers is already at work on this project, and more will be used as time goes on.

Wilkes-Barre CDVO in the process of taking a spot check through their files to bring up to date availability and free time of all registrants. A return postal was sent to all those registered.

Reading CDVO volunteer placement to date 6038. 68,000 envelopes to be addressed for 7th War Loan Drive. Commercial Department of High School addressing 30,000—using Victory Corps and other Youth groups. Also active in Clothing Drive Scranton CDVO working actively with Scranton Council of Defense on the United Nation's Clothing Drive.

Security Awards For 93 Plants

At the termination of the Plant Protection Award program March 1, 1945 a total of 93 Plants and Facilities in the State had been nominated to receive the National Security Award. Of this number the Board of Review of the Industrial Protection Division of the Office of Civilian Defense has approved 90. To date 70 Awards have been presented.

As evidence that the Certificates are not easily won, attention is directed to the fact that there are 17,000 Plants and Facilities in the Commonwealth that were eligible to compete for the honor.

Although the program was terminated March 1, every indication points to the possibility that this feature of the Protective Program will be resumed in the near future.

Williamsport Has Five Child Care Centers

Operated at a cost of $38,738, Williamsport's five child care centers are among the top group of similar units in the state. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are the only other cities topping the expenditure.

Two of the Williamsport centers, the Costello Nursery and the Penn Vale unit, opened in June and July, 1943 while the other three, Center, Webster and Bethune Douglass, began operations in 1944. Capacity for the care of pre-school children was estimated at 145 while for those of school age at 60. All five centers provide the pre-school child care while two—Webster and Bethune Douglass—offer supervision for those in school.

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NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

WAYNE

Wayne County Council of Defense was the first to send to the Reports and Research Office of the State Council of Defense a checkup of its Air Raid Wardens. The report showed a high percentage of the men enrolled desired to be considered on an active basis and were in readiness to respond to any call in an emergency.

BERKS

This County's Salvage operations have been extremely successful and the energetic manner in which the collections have been made and the amount of money realized as well as the purposes for which it was appropriated have attracted much attention.

CHESTER

Mrs. H. B. Eliason, Chairman of the State's Victory Garden Committee, visited portions of Chester County on her first tour of duty since her return after the accident she suffered several weeks ago. Mrs. Eliason says in Chester County there have been quite extensive operations by groups of people and that the record made last year will probably be eclipsed, as to quantity of garden produce raised and canned. It is expected the food canning demonstration work will be started early this year in Chester County.

ERIE

Volunteers in the CDV Office have been of great assistance in the preliminaries to the 7th War Loan Drive. Erie County people connected with Civilian Defense are enlisting in their homes War Loan committees. High school students are given assistance in addressing envelopes and similar work.

LEBANON

The State Council of Defense Protective Services Offices received an excellent report of service rendered on an occasion of an airplane crash in the Cornwall region. Word was received by H. B. Bingham, Chief Air Raid Warden, at 3:08 about the crash and in five minutes he had a detail of Wardens, Rescue Squad men and others assembled, and they proceeded in automobiles furnished by the community to the scene of the crash over country roads and through a wooded area, arriving at 4:00 p. m. They were of material assistance in salvaging instruments and some of the records which escaped fire, destroying the wrecked plane. The pilot had bailed out and was uninjured.

WARREN

W. T. Corbett, Chairman of the Salvage organization in Warren County, made an excellent record in collections of late; he told the members of the County Council he proposed to go after everything that could be salvaged and turned in 82 tons of paper, metal scrap, tin cans and other things.

WASHINGTON

William A. Baker, who succeeded Richard V. Wall as publicity director of the State Council of Defense when Mr. Wall was commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Navy for the war, has resigned on account of his health. Mr. Baker's home is in Canonsburg and he will spend the next two months in one of the southwestern states.

ELK

Paul C. Paddock, Coordinator of the Disaster Plan for Elk County, has taken charge of the organization of the unit of the Pennsylvania State Guard at Ridgway—it is a part of the signal organization of the Guard—and Mr. Paddock will have the rank of lieutenant. He was first of the County officers of Civilian Defense to harken to the suggestion in a bulletin from the State Council of Defense Offices urging that people in Civilian Defense go into the new State Guard.

FOREST

Miller Keeley, long active in Civilian Defense is improving slowly at a hospital in Philadelphia.

DAUPHIN

Civilian Defense people were called out to assist the State Forest Fire Wardens in fighting one of the first forest fires reported in the State this spring. The fire occurred in Halifax Township in an area in the mountains north of Harrisburg.

WARREN

Forest B. Waite, Commander and Coordinator in Warren County, has set up a pretty effective Disaster organization which heads right into the Warren County Center at the county seat. There will be no local coordinators named under the present method—as a matter of fact, it had a pretty good tryout during the high water this spring.

BUCKS

Colonel Churchhill Williams, Chairman of the Bucks County Council of Defense almost from its formation and Disaster Coordinator died at his home near Doylestown at the age of 78. He served as an official in Military Intelligence in the first World War.

CLEARFIELD

When the Susquehanna River came within inches of going on a rampage again last month, the Clearfield County Disaster Organization headed by J. R. Hogentogler and the borough unit with T. Reilly Lytle as coordinate were on the job, and the Red Cross Disaster Relief committee of which R. M. Hershey is chairman, stood by ready to function.

The Defense Council office remained open one entire night as the crest was reached, and an average of one phone call every two minutes was answered.

Headed by Mr. Hogentogler as coordinator, and W. P. Trostle as deputy coordinator, the County Disaster Organization includes a panel of persons representing various services required to function in time of disaster. They are: C. A. Anstadt, communications; F. W. Kerr, fire, Dr. H. G. Shaffer, medical and sanitation; W. F. Dague, intelligence and forecast; E. T. Kelley Esq., legal; M. S. Jones, police; G. A. Stewart, information—press and radio; W. J. Utts, public utilities; R. M. Hershey, disaster relief; W. P. Trostle, civilian defense; R. J. Fullington, transportation; and J. O. Kessler, procurement assistance.

NORTHUMBERLAND

Sounding of the air raid alarm at 12:05 p. m. each Saturday has been discontinued in Sunbury, by order of City Commissioner Walter Culp, who is also head of fire protection and public safety of the city's CD Council.

Sunbury Council of Defense was organized July 23, 1942 with Chief of Police Madison W. Beers as the first chairman.

UNION

Lewisburg American Legion recently presented a distinguished service certificate to Cameron Baker for his fine work as salvage chairman. Tribute was also paid Ray Seaman, who assisted Baker in remarkable salvage work in Union County.

Teen-Agers Make Merry in Center

Above are pictured scenes in four of the 60 Teen-age Centers now in operation throughout the State. (Upper left) is shown a group at the Snack Bar in Moosic, Luzerne County. (Upper right) smiling youngsters are tripping the light fantastic in Altoona. (Bottom left) is shown part of the crowd that packed the Lansdale "Jive Joint" (dance floor) on opening night. (Bottom right) is a game room scene in the Penbrook Youth Center "Tumble Inn" which was opened Feb. 10, 1945. Those in the picture, seated (Left to right) Walter Hafer, John Heckman, Marion Sheaffer. Standing (Left to right) Mrs. Raymond Baum, hostess; C. R. Anderson, Burgess of Penbrook and host; Mrs. C. R. Anderson, hostess and Mrs. J. T. Spence, treasurer and hostess.

Over 8000 Teen-Agers Enjoy Facilities of 60 Play Centers

To date 60 Teen-Age Centers have been opened under the stimulus of the State Council of Defense.

Any community wishing to open a Teen Center can receive moral and financial assistance by applying to Harry Hirsch, Director of Teen-Age for the State Council of Defense, Capitol Building, Harrisburg.

It is estimated that more than 8000 Teen-Agers are enrolled as members in the various centers throughout the State.

Teen-Age Centers should receive adult stimulation and guidance in being established and the Teen-Agers have proven they are capable of running the Centers once they are opened.

It does not involve a great outlay of money to open the Teen-Age Centers as under the SCD plan it is being done without hardly any initial investment on the part of anyone.

The Teen-Age Centers already opened are the result of community cooperation and are not the responsibility of any one person or small group. The Centers do fill a need in every community where they have been opened as demonstrated by the widespread interest and patronage of the Teen-Agers themselves.

Up to the present time not a single Teen Center has failed in its mission and all are practically self supporting.

Here is an opportunity to foster a living memorial to the older brothers and sisters of the Teen-Agers now in the War Service.

Teen-Age Centers may not be the final answer to youthful unrest, but it is a definite step in the right direction.

Wardens Want To Stay on Job

Reports indicating that a larger percentage than anticipated of members of the Protective Services want to be continued on the list as available for any emergency service were made at the monthly meeting of Regional Representatives at the offices of the State Council of Defense on April 12.

Practically every county was stated to have made some sort of check of its wardens and others and the reports showed strong tendency towards maintaining active relationship to any emergency organization.

In spite of reports to the contrary, only a few small councils were stated to have dissolved appointments.

Paper Cites Bar to CD Aid In Pittsburgh

"Considerable danger and inconvenience could have been eliminated during the recent period of bad weather, if it were not for a technicality," reports the *Pittsburgh Press.*

"That's the opinion of some members of the Civilian Defense organization in Allegheny County, who point out that the thousands of air raid wardens, auxiliary policemen and other emergency workers could have cindered streets, cleared fire plugs, helped to direct traffic and conducted block-by-block campaigns to see that sidewalks were shoveled.

"They couldn't go into action because: (1) The Federal government will no longer pay compensation to Civilian Defense workers injured while on duty not directly conected with the war; (2) efforts to provide such compensation through local governments have failed, and (3) Civilian Defense authorities here, fearing that injury might come to CD workers who could not afford to bear the resultant expenses of such injury themselves, have told division leaders to inform their men that they work at their own risk. As a result there has been very little CD activity in Allegheny County in recent weeks.

"The CD volunteers are willing to work long hours at no pay to help out in any emergency. Last year during a flood, many of them were on duty 24 hours at a stretch. On the night of Dec. 11 when this year's big snowstorm struck, 37 auxiliary policemen on traffic duty downtown remained at their posts until 1 a.m. aiding the regular police.